

Elizabethan Age (1485–1625)

Timeline:

- 1485–Henry VII begins reign (until 1509)
- 1509–Henry VIII begin reign (until 1547)
- 1534–Henry VIII breaks with the Roman Catholic Church
- 1558–Elizabeth I begins rule (until 1603)
- 1588 Sir Francis Drake begins sail around the world
- 1603–James I begins rule (until 1625)
- 1611–King James Bible

Events/Life

- Money as well as land became a source of power because commerce helped to make the nation rich
- Religious revolution called the Protestant Reformation, a protest against the Roman Catholic church's actions, conduct, and beliefs; led by German monk Martin Luther and French-born theologian John Calvin
- Henry VIII aligned himself with this movement; he established the Church of England (Anglican Church) and made himself the head
- In 1588, during Elizabeth I's rule England became a great sea power of the world when it defeated the Spanish Armada

- When Elizabeth I died in 1603, the throne passed to her cousin James, who became King James I of England and King James VI of Scotland and Britain (England, Scotland, and Wales) had one monarch for the first time
- London became a great world capital with 100,000 population
- The Renaissance was a flowering of learning and rebirth in the sciences, arts, and all learning that flourished in ancient Greece and Rome

Literature

- Shakespeare wrote at this time
- Age of Poetry
- The translation of the Bible as directed by Kings James I raised the low estate of prose writing
- The sonnet (a popular form of lyric poetry)
- Masques—a very stylized form of drama that involved dancing
- *Ninety-Five Theses* by Martin Luther
- Cervantes wrote *Don Quixote*

James I's death in 1625 marks the end of the period